



## **2016 Southeast Asia Youth Leadership Program**

### **Student Application**

**Application Deadline:** December 15, 2015

**Program Description:** Secondary school students and educators from Myanmar are invited to apply for participation in the Southeast Asia Youth Leadership Program. The program will employ a highly interactive approach both in workshops and in a range of public and community settings. Through engagement in the activities of U.S. high schools, community organizations, youth groups, and community leaders in each location, the student and adult participants study challenges facing the U.S. and ASEAN in the 21<sup>st</sup> century.

The program will be intensive, academic, and highly interactive. The program sponsors seek energetic applicants who are ready to develop their skills in order to be effective leaders in their schools and communities.

#### **Secondary school students who may apply are those who:**

- Will be at least 15 years old and not more than 17 years old by April 1, 2016
- Have a high school graduation year of 2016 or later
- Have strong English skills
- Have permission from both parent(s)/guardian(s) and schools to participate in the entire program

**Instructions for completing this application:** Please fill out the application as completely as possible, in English. The information you provide on this application will provide the basis for selecting semi-finalists for this program. Answer the questions carefully and completely.

Online applications must be submitted to [RangoonUSECA@State.gov](mailto:RangoonUSECA@State.gov) . Hard copies must be sent to Cultural Affairs Unit, Public Affairs Section, U.S. Embassy, 110 University Ave, Kamayut Township, Yangon. Please submit application one time and one copy only.

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### **About you:**

Last (Family) Name \_\_\_\_\_

First Name \_\_\_\_\_

Middle Name \_\_\_\_\_

Nickname \_\_\_\_\_

Paste or staple a  
recent passport-size  
photograph here

Male \_\_\_\_\_ Female \_\_\_\_\_ How old will you be on April 1, 2016? \_\_\_\_\_

Birth date: Day \_\_\_\_\_ Month \_\_\_\_\_ Year \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City, Postal Code \_\_\_\_\_

Mobile Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

City and Country of Birth \_\_\_\_\_

Country of citizenship or permanent legal residence \_\_\_\_\_

### **About your family:**

Parent or guardian name(s) \_\_\_\_\_

Address (if different from yours) \_\_\_\_\_

Father/Guardian: Mobile Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

Mother/Guardian: Mobile Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

Brother(s)/Sister(s)

Name	Gender	Age	Occupation
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**About your education:**

School name \_\_\_\_\_

School address \_\_\_\_\_

City, Postal code \_\_\_\_\_

Current grade \_\_\_\_\_ Year you will graduate \_\_\_\_\_

How many years have you studied English? \_\_\_\_\_

Do you speak any other languages besides your native language and English? Which ones?

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**About your academic and community interests:**

Academic subjects you are most interested in: \_\_\_\_\_

Please describe the activities (extracurricular, community, hobbies) in which you have participated, how long you have been involved with each, any awards or honors. Use additional space as needed.

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Future studies and/or possible occupations you've considered: \_\_\_\_\_

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Do you think your country's membership in ASEAN affects your daily life? How do you think ASEAN can help your country address a challenge (such as climate change, creating new jobs, or health issues) in the 21<sup>st</sup> century ?

*Please respond to the following short essay questions in no more than 250 words each.*

- Why is participation in this program important to you?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
- During this exchange, participants will act as ambassadors for their countries. What qualities do you have that would help you fulfill this role?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
- In what ways are you an effective leader? What leadership skills would you like to improve?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
- How will your participation in this program benefit your community?

Is there anything else you would like us to know about you?

**More about you:**

Do you have a valid passport? \_\_\_\_\_

If yes: Issuing Country \_\_\_\_\_

Passport Number \_\_\_\_\_ Expiration Date (day/month/year) \_\_\_\_\_

Have you ever lived and/or studied in the United States or in another country? \_\_\_\_\_

If yes: Where, when, why? \_\_\_\_\_

**Applicant signature:**

All information in this application is accurate and true

\_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

**Parent/Guardian signature(s):**

I permit my child to apply for and, if selected, to participate in this program.

\_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

## **SOUTHEAST ASIA YOUTH LEADERSHIP PROGRAM: Myanmar**

### **Reference**

**For the Applicant:** Below, fill in your name and give this form to a teacher or other adult outside your family who knows you well. The form needs to be in English. Ask the reference to fill out the form and return it to [RangoonUSECA@state.gov](mailto:RangoonUSECA@state.gov) or Cultural Affairs Unit, Public Affairs Section, U.S. Embassy, 110 University Ave, Kamayut Township, Yangon.

Applicant Name \_\_\_\_\_

**For the Reference:** The student named above is applying to take part in the Southeast Asia Youth Leadership Program, a three-week exchange program in the United States for students and teachers. The selected students will be in a challenging academic environment and intensive leadership training. To succeed, the participants must be highly motivated, and be able to adjust to living and working with people of different social and cultural backgrounds. We value your honest assessment of the applicant in helping us select the most appropriate participants. If you would like to add additional comments, we encourage you to do so. Your answers will remain confidential.

Please indicate your opinion of this applicant's ability to meet the challenges of this program

- ☐ I strongly recommend this student
- ☐ I recommend this student
- ☐ I have minor reservations about recommending this applicant
- ☐ I have major reservations about recommending this applicant
- ☐ I do not recommend this student

How long, and in what context or capacity, have you known this applicant?

What are the applicant's strengths?

What are the academic or personal areas in which this applicant needs improvement?

Please describe the applicant's behavior or attitude with respect to authority, peer relationships, responsibility, and work activities.

Do you think the applicant would adapt well to unfamiliar environments and new situations? Why or why not?

Name (printed) \_\_\_\_\_

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_